

HOUSE RESOLUTION 272

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Wayne R. LaPierre for his many accomplishments as a leader of the National Rifle Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Wayne R. LaPierre, who has dedicated himself to the protection of American liberties and freedoms throughout his career with the National Rifle Association of America (NRA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPierre joined the organization in 1978 as a liaison for the NRA Institute for Legislative Action; his performance was so exceptional that in 1986 he was elected as its Executive Director, ably managing NRA initiatives at all levels of government, including the United States Congress, the federal executive branch, and state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his stalwart service in support of the Second Amendment, in 1991 Wayne LaPierre became the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the NRA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPierre has presided over an extended period of growth in the organization, as its membership has almost doubled to more than four million members since 1991; during this time, he has also served as a key strategist in the accomplishment of many NRA objectives, including the establishment of NRA Sports to promote the shooting sports, and the opposition of the Campaign Finance Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Wayne LaPierre has successfully assisted the NRA in their goals to elect strong Second amendment advocates to public office, and the organization was

pivotal in the 2000 election of George W. Bush and the 2002 Congressional contests that brought to office one of the most pro-gun legislative bodies in recent history; and

WHEREAS, as one of the NRA's primary spokespersons, he has been featured in many television, radio, and print features; he also has hosted his own syndicated radio show and has written several books, including *The Global War on Your Guns: Inside the U.N. Plan to Destroy the Bill of Rights*; *Guns, Freedom, and Terrorism*; *Shooting Straight*; and *Guns, Crime, and Freedom*; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. LaPierre for his unswerving commitment to the principles of the Second Amendment and the noble ideals on which our Nation was founded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Wayne R. LaPierre for his many accomplishments during his career with the National Rifle Association of America and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.